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## Update on the Duchess of Cambridge

**B**ACK ON October 2, 2012, I wrote: *If Kate is to bear the heir to the throne and if it is a full 9 month term, then she will become pregnant towards the middle of this month. . . . Birth should be the second or third week of July, 2013, the closer to the 21st, the sooner the individual becomes king/queen.*

The announcement was made in December. On **December 11**, I gave my reasons for my forecast, predicting a birth as late as the 22nd of July of this year.

In London's **Daily Mail** for March 21, 2013, you may read, *officials refused to give the exact due date but, assuming the Duchess conceived last October, shortly after returning home from her South Pacific tour, the baby is likely to be born towards the middle of the month [July].*

**Know that I am not a forecaster**, that I hate forecasts. This was not a forecast, so much as knowing a trick or two about royal charts and royal births. My forecast, birth in the second or third week of July, and the Daily Mail's best guess, are now identical. Ladbroks is giving 4 to 1 for the 17th.

Which was not the first time I had made the prediction, which may amaze you. Shortly after the royal wedding, on **May 10, 2011**, I wrote, *Above it as well, Charles' grandson, yet to be born, who will rule from an early age. He already has the promise of Mars and Jupiter conjunct. Which puts his birth in July, 2013, the conjunction in Cancer* (Newsletter, pg. 5). At the time I thought it absolutely incredible the birth of a royal heir could possibly be delayed more than two years from the wedding itself. I imagined palace flunkies would harass the poor Duchess into getting the deed done far, far sooner than she has.

We are in the middle of a great drama that will play out in front of us. When the child emerges, I, along with an army of others, will delineate his chart. Surely I was not the only one to forecast his birth? The forecast was a trivial thing. Astrology is the key to the whole world. Use it.

### ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)	
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	12:25 ☉ ✕ ♄

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**Somnambulism** is usually due to oppositions from the 6th to the 12th houses, especially if the Moon, Mercury or Neptune is involved. There are often Cancerian afflictions. The 12th appears to govern sleep, while the 3rd is probably waking and the 9th dream-consciousness. It is possible that the 6th has to do with trance.

Example: Female, born Surrey, 7:30 pm, September 30, 1894.

**Sorrow v. Melancholy; Happiness, etc.** The 12th house is traditionally styled the house of sorrow, and afflictions in it will not only cause grief and misfortune, but also tend to bring the native into contact with the sad aspects of life. Planets strong in this house, however, raise the native from low beginnings, and often bestow benefit through charity and charitable institutions. In its higher aspects the house denotes the release from sorrow through resignation and atonement. **Spasmodic Tendency** is, in all forms, the result of Uranian action, especially in fixed signs. — **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, \$18.95. [Buy](#).

## Vivian Robson's STAR OF THE WEEK

**ALGENIB** gamma Pegasi 09♄20

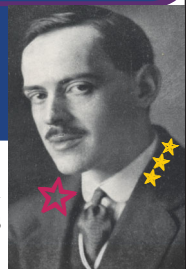
**Notes:** A white star situated at the tip of the wing of Pegasus. From Al Janah, the Wing, or Al Janb, the Side. According to Bullinger, it means "Who carries."

**Influence:** Of the nature of Mars and Mercury. It gives notoriety, dishonour, violence, misfortune, and denotes the naked and poor professional beggar.

**With Sun:** Mental disturbances, fevers and ill-health, some danger of accidents.

**With Moon:** Dishonour, loss by scandal, exiled or forced to flee, ill-health, trouble through writings. **With Mercury:** Quick temper, mental disturbances, success in legal and other disputes. **With Venus:** Generous, proud, quick temper, bad morals, drunk or evil habits, favourable for financial affairs. **With Mars:** Quick mind and body, lying or theft, danger of accidents.

— **from Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson. [Buy](#).





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## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### Elections for Surgery

**S**ET the election chart for a time when the Moon and the Ascendant will not be in the Sign ruling the part of the body to undergo surgery, and when the Sign ruling that part of the body is not on the 8th or 12th or containing the ruler of the 8th or 12th. Protect the body by having Jupiter or Venus in the 1st or 10th and the Moon in good aspect to the 1st cusp and the ruler of the natal Ascendant as it appears in the election.

The Moon may apply by good aspect to Mars-of-surgery but only if she is decreasing in light and he is not afflicted. If she is increasing in light and in good aspect to Saturn who is well-placed and not afflicted the operation and the recovery will take much time. For a woman's speedier recovery than otherwise, the Moon should be above the horizon; for a man, the Sun.

Work the Part of Surgery (Ascendant plus Saturn, minus Mars) and make certain that it is not afflicted in the 8th, 1st or 4th but is in trine to the Ascendant or a benefic in the 1st, and not in bad aspect to Mars, Saturn or the Moon — though it may be conjunct the Moon if she is unafflicted and is making only good aspects, denoting successful surgery.

For dental work, have extractions while the Moon is increasing in light but not in Aries, Cancer or Libra, nor in any Fixed Sign. Fixed Signs hold the teeth. Have fillings or start work for plates or bridges when the Moon is in a Fixed Sign and decreasing in light. — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960. **Buy**

## More Fun with Francis

**W**HILE I was messing around last week with wild guesses, the real scholars at **AstroDataBank** were hard at work getting the new Pope's actual birth time.

Midweek was the first attempt. Grazia Bordoni said that Federico Rampino said the Bishopric of Buenos Aires (the Pope's former employer), when they sent him to his first Papal Enclave back in 2005 (the one that elected Benedict XVI), gave him a letter of introduction with the names of his parents, and his date, place and time of birth. Which was 5:10 pm. The DataBank declared this finger-pointing to be "from memory" (whose?) and gave it a **Rodden Rating** of A, which means, *data as quoted by the person, kin, friend, or associate*. It was laughable.

**M**EANWHILE Argentine astrologer Claudia Rizzi had gotten a copy of the Pope's actual birth certificate and had sent it to the DataBank people. Which I reproduce on pg. 4. I have asked friends if they could translate. I've been stumbling through it as best I can, using Google Translate. The time of birth, *viente y una* (not quite as ADB has it, *viente una*), can be found on line 10.

So there we have it. The new Pope was born on December 17, 1936, at 9 pm, in Buenos Aires. The chart, which I presume you have seen by now, has 10 degrees Cancer rising. The Moon, the chart ruler, is conjunct Venus and located just outside the 8th house cusp, which, to me, means the 8th house is where the Moon wants to be. Moon in the 8th, we have an investment banker or a psychic or a sex-addict. Moon in 8 has those traits whether or not it's the chart ruler. The only thing that changes when an 8th house Moon rules the chart is that you can't hide it. Aquarius in 8 gives a taste for group sex, by the way. This is a pope?

**Nothing in a document may be taken for granted.** This is all the more true when the document comes from a long time ago and a society which is strange to us.

We presume "21 hours" refers to a day starting at midnight — which it does now — but do we actually know this? See the weekly installment from Robson's **Student's Text-book** on pg. 3 (to the right). Why does Robson go on and on about noon? Get the book and read it (you won't learn anything

about astrology reading weekly newsletters. You need books on your shelves). You won't find "midnight" in it. Of the four major "turning points" of the day — sunrise, sunset, noon and midnight — the times of sunrise and sunset change not only day by day, but also by latitude north or south of the equator, and, if your clock is set to standard time, the times of sunrise and sunset change according to your longitude as well. If you're trying to get a fix on when it's half-past 3 in the afternoon, sunrise and sunset won't help you.

Midnight, which we now commonly use as a reference point, can only be found by secondary means. Which, as it happens, depends upon devices, such as radios, that use electricity to access an external reference, such that provided by radio stations. One of the two best-known and longest-running are the hourly chimes of Big Ben as broadcast, on short-wave frequencies, by the **BBC World Service**. These transmissions first started in 1932 and were originally intended for outposts of the British Empire, such as India, Hong Kong, Ethiopia, also Australia and New Zealand. With the exception of the Falklands, very tiny islands in the south Atlantic, Britain has no possessions in South America. BBC shortwave transmissions came of age in WWII. They are presently being discontinued.

The other is station **WWV**, now in Ft. Collins, Colorado. WWV started in Washington, DC, in 1920, broadcasting simple frequency signals as an aid to early radio stations. After some choppy years, it began broadcasting time signals in June, 1937. These were tied to an accurate time reference in 1944. Radio WWV was originally intended for domestic listeners. I do not know when its transmitters became powerful enough for international reception. The range of short-wave signals is variable. A good receiver can pick up very faint signals.

So if 21:00 hours on the Pope's birth time refers to a day that started at midnight, how did people in 1936 know when it was midnight? Simple, you say. They looked at the (electric) clock on the wall. Which, set to a steady 50 or 60 cycle AC current, would in fact be accurate to within a few seconds a month. (Which I myself established back in 1970, courtesy of Radio WWV, in fact.) Presuming, of course, that in 1936 there were re-

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Part 9:

# Fundamental Principles

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**TIME.** The subject of time standards is of the greatest astrological importance. The Ephemeris is computed to Greenwich Mean Time (abbreviated G.M.T.) and it is essential to know in what standard of time a birth is registered in order to be able to find the corresponding GMT and also the Local Mean Time (abbreviated L.M.T.)

**(a) Local Mean Time.** Local noon is the moment measured in Mean Time at which the Sun is on the mid-heaven of any particular place. In the following remarks *Mean Time* must always be understood as we are no longer concerned with Solar Time.

When it is noon at Greenwich the Sun is overhead, but at New York it will not long have risen, and noon there will not occur for approximately another 5 hours, the *Local Time* at New York being about 7 am or more exactly 7:04 am. Therefore noon at Greenwich is equivalent to 7:04 am at New York.

We have already seen that in casting a horoscope the planets must be arranged according to the way the earth is pointing, and it follows that when we are finding the degree on the mid-heaven we must use Local Time or our positions will be wrong. On the other hand, however, the Sun occupies the same degree and minute of longitude at Greenwich noon as it does at 7:04 am at New York, and as the planetary positions in the Ephemeris are all computed for GMT we must find the GMT corresponding to our Local Time when calculating their exact longitudes. — **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, 1922. Price \$25.95. **Buy.**

March 31: **Easter**

1889—Eiffel Tower opened.

1949—Newfoundland joins Canada.

## Basic Elements

from **Medical Astrology**  
by Heinrich Daath

**P** RIMARILY there is an analogy, a sympathy, a communication, an adelphixis between each zodiacal division and some definite zone of the body. The location of these is broadly but closely defined. The child in the womb is an epitome of the zodiacal duodenary. At birth the impressions of the celestial divisions are made. Hereafter it comprises within the flesh all the attributes of such divisions, and becomes an exponent of them. This zodiac, the *macrocosmos*, is concentrated in the *microcosmos* of humanity. Through the knowledge that such con-association exists, astrology is able to relate the effects of the one in terms of the other, or *vice-versa*; to deduce laws and make presumptions; although these latter need find no place in the scheme when so many well-proven facts are to hand.

The areas of the body mentioned are, in brief, circumscribed thus: **Aries**, the head; **Taurus**, the neck and throat; **Gemini**, the arms and lungs; **Cancer**, the chest cavity and breasts; **Leo**, the heart and back; **Virgo**, the abdomen and umbilical region; **Libra**, the kidneys and lumbar region; **Scorpio**, the genitals; **Sagittarius**, the hips and thighs; **Capricorn**, the knees; **Aquarius**, the calves and ankles; **Pisces**, the feet and toes.

It will be noticed that the rulership of these zones follows the sign-progression of the zodiac. If the joints of the body were sufficiently flexible to allow the feet to be bent round until they touched the head, the analogy would be perfect. Or, on the other hand, if we suppose the zodiac as something we might snip across at one of the divisions and flatten out, it would imitate its actual form in the human organism. The head in each case is the commencement of the series, and the feet the conclusion. — **Medical Astrology**, by Heinrich Daath. **Buy.**

## Trades

from Al Biruni's **Book of Instruction**

**Saturn:** Building, paymaster, farming, reclaiming land and distribution of water, (fraudulent transactions), apportioning money and heritages, grave-digging; selling things made of iron, lead, bone, hair; copper, black slaves; knowledge used for bad purposes, such acts of the government as lead to evil oppression, wrath, captivity, torture.

**Jupiter:** Noble actions, good government, religion, doing good; interpretation of dreams; goldsmiths' work, banking; selling old gold and silver, white clothes, grapes and sugarcane.

**Mars:** Lawmaking, selling and making armour, blacksmiths craft, grooms, shepherds, butchers, veterinary surgeons, surgeons, circumcisers, sellers of hounds, cheetahs, boars, wolves, copper, sickles, beer, glass, boxes, wooden cups, brigandage, contention, housebreaking, highwaymen, grave-robbers and prison, torture, execution.

**Sun:** Receiving, giving and selling gold-brocades.

**Venus:** Works of beauty and magnificence, fond of bazaars, commerce, measuring by weight, length and bulk; dealing in pictures and colours, goldsmiths work, tailoring, manufacturing perfumes, dealing in pearls, gold and silver ornaments, musk, white and green clothes, maker of crowns and diadems, accompanying singing, composing songs, playing the lute, feasts, games and gaming.

**Mercury:** Merchants, calculators and surveyors, astrologers, necromancers and fortune-tellers, geometrician, philosopher, disputation, poetry, eloquence, manual dexterity and anxiety for perfection in everything, selling slaves, hides, books, coins; profession of barber, manufacture of combs.

**Moon:** Engaged in business matters, missions, agencies, accounting; strenuous in religion and divine law, skill in all branches. . .

— **The Book of Instruction in the Elements of the Art of Astrology**, by Al Biruni. **Buy.**



liable broadcast time signals, which is unlikely. And that the supply of electricity was rock steady, 24/7, 365 days a year, regardless of weather, from lines strung from pole to pole. Which in fact have never been reliable. Spring storms, anyone?

**B**UT we have another problem. The Pope's birth certificate is handwritten. Hand written means he was not born in a hospital, where we presume (rightly, I think) that standard pre-printed forms would be available. We would presume he was born at home, as would be typical of the first born of – presumably – poor immigrant parents. Albeit handwritten, Bergoglio's birth certificate was professionally prepared. The man who signed it counted 21 hours, from the start of the day, to Bergoglio's birth. But did he count from midnight, or noon? Let's expand the investigation.

By the late middle ages the legal start of the day was set at noon, because sundials could establish noon to a reasonable standard. Which later became known as Local Apparent Time. You can see this clearly in Lilly's [Christian Astrology](#), book 2. Here are some charts from it:

Pg. 152: Chart set for 22:45 pm. Lilly gives the chart with Sun in 10, Moon correctly computed for an 11:45 am time.

Pg. 385: Chart set for 19:20 pm, chart computed as if for 7:20 am.

Pg. 473, Chart set for 12:29 pm. Chart with Sun clearly in the 3rd, not on the MC.

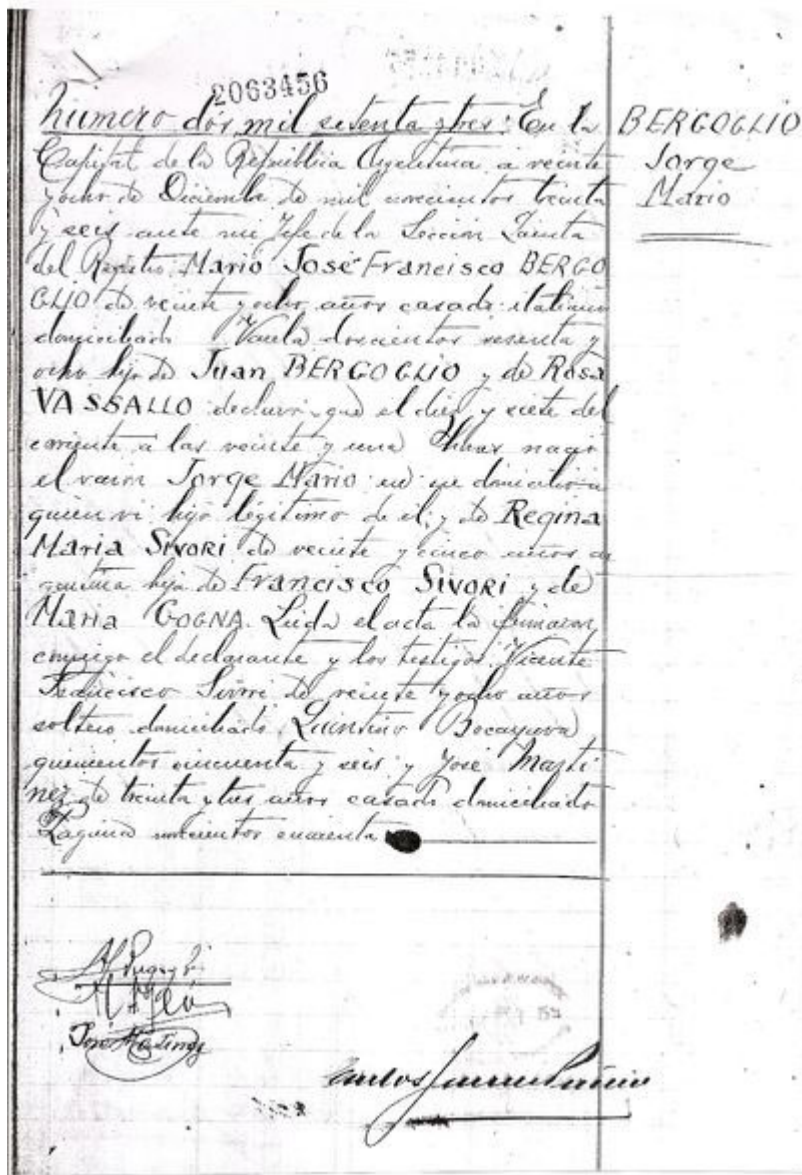
I reset and republished Lilly's book nine years ago. In the back I added charts in a modern style. I had to make them match Lilly's originals, I had to understand how he calculated them in order to do so, and there was no fudge factor. The charts in Book 2 are deadly accurate. Lilly made my job all the harder, since he delighted in using various time schemes and various chart formats. (Even when he was alive, Bill was faulted for showing off.)

At some point early in the 19th century, LAT became Local Mean Time (a small shift), for the convenience of mechanical clocks. Noon as the start of the day was still a standard that everyone could agree upon.

Then we have ephemerides. You will remember that ephemerides were traditionally set for noon. Midnight ephemerides did not appear until the 1980's.

Now consider the **Julian Day**. This is an absolute numerical count of days devised by Joseph Scaliger in 1583. It is set for noon. Not midnight.

The Free Dictionary's definition of **Astronomical Day** reads, *a period equal to the*



*mean solar day, but beginning at noon instead of at midnight.* Elsewhere I learned the astronomers' preference for noon over midnight was from their desire to have an entire night's observation in a single day, rather than split between two. Which is modern nonsense, as we can already see. The preservation of knowledge, like most things, is a sloppy affair in practice. Sieve the facts with a fine screen and you will be much amused.

Wiki's page on **Universal Time** says, *In 1935, the term Universal Time was recommended by the International Astronomical Union as a more precise term than Greenwich Mean Time, because GMT could refer to either an astronomical day starting at noon or a civil day starting at midnight.* Which is more of Wiki's wool-gathering. It presumes the civil day has always begun at midnight, which is not true, since midnight can only be determined by modern means, being depen-

dent upon a steady supply of electricity.

Several years ago I stumbled with the horoscope of **Herbert von Karajan**, where his birth time was given as "10:30 pm." I found that chart not to work and so flipped "pm" to "am" but kept the same date, since *the date had to be right.*

With the Pope's birth certificate in front of me, I can now see I was wrong. The problem was not a casual transcription error with Karajan's birth data, but a misreading on my part. Karajan was born at "10:30 pm" on April 5, 1908. Count from **noon** and his actual birth was on **April 6, 1908, 10:30 am.** The proof is, again, in the chart. On the 6th, he has a tight Moon-Pluto conjunction. I well-know what that will do for sheer musical intensity, or, for that matter, living peacefully with others.

On Saturday I saw a middle-school production of Gilbert and Sullivan's **Pirates of**

**Penzance.** As a youth, Frederic was apprenticed to pirates. The opera opens the morning of the day his apprenticeship ends and he becomes free at last. Early in the first act I heard the following:

SAMUEL: *Besides, we can offer you but little temptation to remain with us. We don't seem to make piracy pay. I'm sure I don't know why, but we don't.*

FREDERIC: *I know why, but, alas! I mustn't tell you; it wouldn't be right.*

KING: *Why not, my boy? It's only half-past eleven, and you are one of us until the clock strikes twelve.*

The play rushes past this amusing detail, which hints that, as of the premiere in 1880, the legal day began and ended at noon, and that this was common, if often unremembered, knowledge.

**E**XACTLY when the world shifted, from days that legally started at noon, to days that legally started at midnight, I have not been able to discover. I would expect there to have been some great national/international convention, that as of THIS DAY the world changed from noon to midnight, but I can find no trace. It might be that starting the day at noon was mere custom and never actually enshrined in law. It might be the change to midnight was by general acclamation, without anyone ever being quite aware that anything was changing. Increasingly I suspect WWII was the culprit, it brought many changes. The old US birth certificates that I have seen, the ones with space for a time, invariably have “am/pm” printed on them, one way or another. The suggested current form, which can be seen at the [Center for Disease Control](#) website, merely says, “24 hr.” Beware of the presumptions you make!

So, consistent with William Lilly, consistent with the old ephemerides, consistent with the Julian Day, consistent with Herbie's chart, consistent with old operettas, and now, consistent with Pope Francis and the circumstances of his impoverished birth, it is clear that, so far as a birth certificate from 1936 is concerned, “21:00 hours” are to be counted from **noon on the 17th, not midnight.**

**Therefore I declare Pope Francis was born on December 18, 1936, at 9 am.** The proof, if we can find proof, will be in the chart. So let's have a look. Let's see if it works:

The chart has 8 degrees Aquarius rising, Venus is dead conjunct. Aquarius rising makes for a friendly, if somewhat distant, person. Venus makes him handsome.

Note 0 degrees Scorpio on the MC, 0

Taurus on the 4th. These are touchy. I am of the opinion the time in this chart could vary by up to 30 minutes either way. If we set the chart five or ten minutes earlier, the Pope will still have a lot of Scorpio on the top and Taurus on the bottom, but with Libra and Aries as the actual signs on the cusps. What we know of the man who became Pope is that he has consistently appeared pleasing in public, which is Libra on the MC, rather than sneaky, which is Scorpio, and that he has consistently turned down lavish apartments (4th house) in favor of simple ones. Lavish is Taurus. Spartan would be an attribute of Aries, being eternally on the go. In this regard, we note the ruler of an Aries 4th is a debilitated Mars in Libra in the religious 9th. Actually living in the offered quarters produces conflict with his 9th house employer. I have therefore adjusted his time, from 9:00 am, to 8:40 am. We now have an ascendant a little shy of 5 Aquarius, an MC of 25 Libra.

I am starting to consider that when there is more than one planet in a house, that the first planet, by degree, dominates the house to the detriment of the others. Moving Francis from December 17 to the 18th breaks up the tight Moon-Venus conjunction which was such a hard thing to find in his biography, when it should have been easy. Venus, being more angular, steals the Moon's thunder.

Saturn in Pisces, ruling the Moon in Aquarius, is tasked with finding emotional satisfaction through third house activities, which is education. With Saturn there, hard, difficult, education, but ultimately successful, for we find the Part of Fortune there too. Francis holds a degree in chemistry, which sounds Piscean to me, and for a time worked with food, which would be the Moon's rulership of the 6th, the food house.

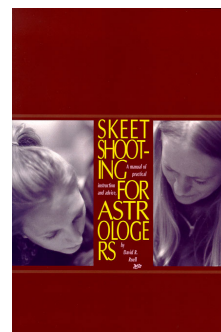
But mere science, to Pisces, is not enough. Soon he was driven to the ultimate in religious (Piscean) scholasticism (3rd house), which are the Jesuits. In his quandary we see the opposition between Saturn in the 3rd, which wants intellectual justification, and the opposition with Neptune, in Virgo in the 9th. Whenever Saturn and Neptune are in aspect, Saturn will attempt to master, overwhelm, or concretize Neptune but when they are opposed, he never succeeds, and he knows it. Instead there is a standoff. Unlike science, which can more or less be reduced to an objective set of facts, religion never quite resolves itself and so goes on being a life-long challenge.

Our next curious event is the partial removal of a lung (a tiny bit, or so I would

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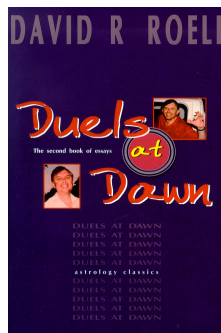
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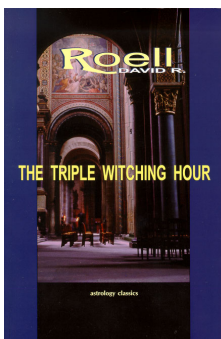
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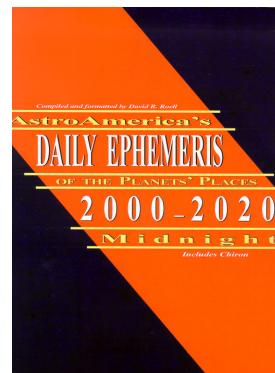
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guess) when he was 21, which would be 1958. In that year Uranus was newly arrived in his 7th house, Saturn conjunct his Sun (ruler of the 7th) in the 11th, Pluto was somewhere near his 8th house cusp.

The lungs are ruled by Gemini, which we find on the cusp of the 5th. The fifth house, among other things, rules sports and casual sex. Mercury, which rules Gemini, is in the 12th, where it is weak, and in Capricorn. It is also in the 8th house from the 5th, meaning that a 5th house Mercurial ailment could be deadly. Note the south node is in Gemini, meaning the lungs would be weak, and in the 5th, which means Francis would be at risk of lung ailments from 5th house causes. (Note well how tightly this definition is drawn, and then tell me a doctor can diagnose without astrology.)

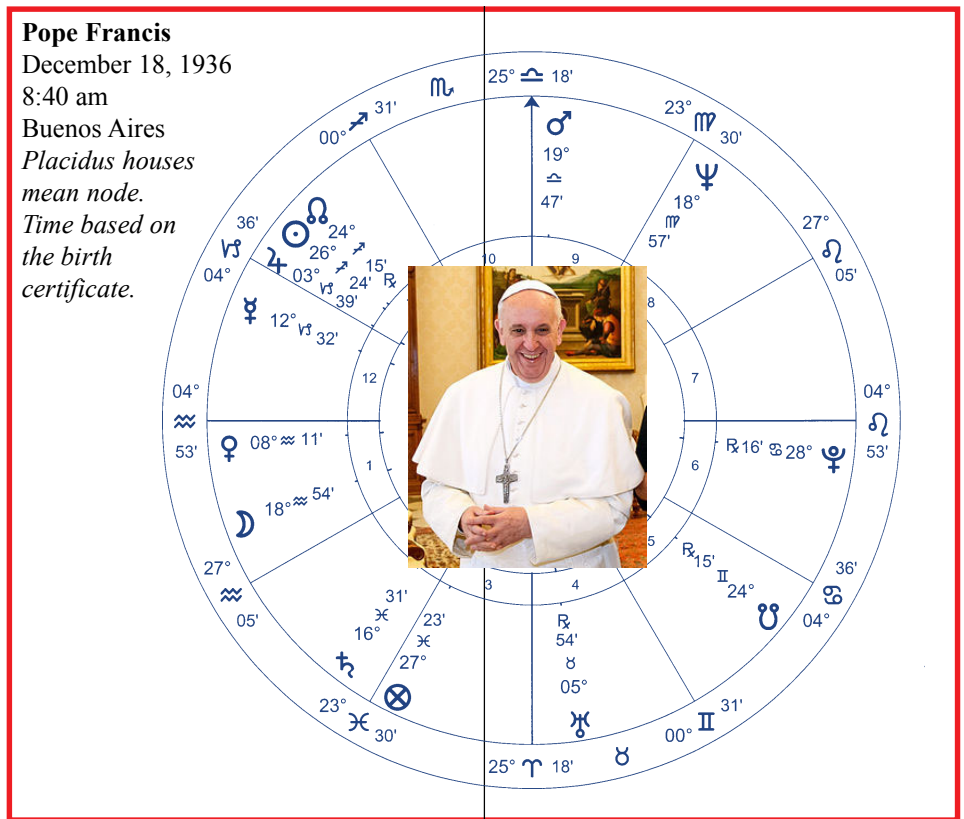
The cause was said to be complications of pneumonia, which is contagious. (I got it from my daughter last year). Did Francis get pneumonia from sports, or from sex? Let's consider.

Pneumonia from sports, say from his beloved football (soccer) would probably have led to an entire team being quarantined, which would have been a memorable event. On the other hand, pneumonia, leading to surgery, from kissing an infected partner, would have remained secret. Except for what happens next.

The 7th house is Leo, which is ruled by the Sun, which we find in Sagittarius in the 11th. When the 7th house is ruled from the 11th, one looks to find his lovers from among his friends. When the sign is Sagittarius one tends to be casual about their selection, not ever really "connecting" with any one of them. Sun conjunct the node, one's choice of friends is always good and right, one knows many trustworthy fellows. One becomes confident, and eventually, actually careless.

Which is how one could make the mistake of taking a friend to bed, where the south node in Gemini in the 5th suddenly sucks the life out of him, *through the lungs*. Opposed to the Sun, this would be a life-threatening event: Saturn conjunct Sun, opposed to the south node. Thus chastised, one would be cautious about engaging in further sex.

With a knowledge of astrology, one can clearly see that so long as the south node is in Gemini in the 5th, oral/lung problems because of sex would be an ongoing risk. We see that if Francis wanted to indulge in sex, he would be best advised to wait until he was married (which shifts it to the 8th house



and out of danger), or take up with complete strangers and then avoid french kissing them. But so long as he has so many good and trusted friends, Francis will not expose himself to sex with strangers. Which is reinforced by the ruler of the 5th house being debilitated in the 12th, which makes him otherwise sexually isolated as well as somewhat deaf (insensitive) to others.

Leo on the cusp of the 5th, the Sun ruling from Sagittarius in the 11th, it was also true that Francis was his own best companion, that he in fact did not need or greatly care for another. We can therefore see that a combination of chart factors, Moon/Saturn driving an intellect that could only be satisfied with hard core religion, combined with sex that was life-threatening, along with being his own best friend, led directly to his joining the Jesuits in 1958. Wiki notes, dryly, that in March of that year he joined the Jesuits and was also, in his own words, head over heels in love. Astrology connects the dots.

**B**EFORE Martin Luther the Church was a much more varied place. Priests commonly shackled up with nuns, the resulting children were raised communally in the parish "orphanage," they eventually grew up to be the next generation of priests and nuns. You did not need to be "religious" to be a member in good standing, in fact I think it was a hindrance. It was a closed system and, as it existed at

the expense of the larger society, a rather nice one. Outside the Church were famines and plagues, but rarely inside. Of course the Church was corrupt. Of course it was hated. Of course it fought back with the Inquisition and the Jesuits and all the rest.

But Luther understood the Church in cardboard terms and as a result of the Church's inept reaction to his demands, it is today an extraordinary man (many of them, regrettably, extraordinary half-wits) who can make a living there. Francis is one of them. Let's look further:

Notice the mutual reception between Jupiter, in Capricorn, and Saturn, in Pisces. Mutual receptions have the effect of smooching together the *houses* the planets reside in. (In this I differ somewhat from Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson.) In this case, the 12th and the 3rd.

The 12th house is well-known as the house of institutions. When one has 12th house positions and finds oneself in an institution, one's life can pass by without much notice from the outside world. Push the 12th into the 3rd and you get institutionalized study or study in an institution. Mercury, the planet of intellect, in the 12th, whatever studies Francis has undertaken during his long life are unknown to those outside the Church.

Mercury in the 12th in a 12/3 chart are unfounded stories that are out of one's personal control, Mercury's rulership of the 3rd

having been usurped by Saturn and Jupiter, never mind being buried in the 12th. The stories are coming from the Saturn-Neptune face-off. Being opposed, Saturn cannot control Neptune (try as he might), while Neptune, in Virgo (ruled by Mercury) and with Neptune on the 9th house cusp of religion, tends naturally to attract stories which, flowing to Mercury in the 12th, it cannot respond to, since, Mercury in the 12th, no one can hear you scream, so to speak.

Count the houses from Saturn in the 3rd: The 12th is 10 houses from it. So long as Francis is physically active in the daily world (one of my underlying definitions of the third), stories will tend to accumulate. Remember that I tend to associate planets with the house that has the same sign on the cusp, therefore in Francis' chart, Saturn is in the 3rd, Neptune in the 9th, a disassociated Mars is also in the 9th, the Sun is in the 11th, and as Venus blocks the Moon's access to the ascendant, the Moon is more associated with the second (values) than the first.

In Francis we have a flawed individual, but then, all of us are flawed. As Pope his work will be largely behind the scenes. Given a free choice, the Church has picked an insider. I am of the opinion that Benedict XVI, who, remember, badly wanted the job, was pushed out, but the facts will never be known. The Church is secretive.

**S**O what have we learned? We've learned that I can make an ass of myself with wild guesses. We've learned that AstroDataBank will state as fact things about which it has no actual knowledge. **I strongly encourage them in future to publish scans of actual birth certificates**, as I think they've been the victim of fake claims. We've learned that I can invent likely-sounding stories. (Well, I knew that already.) And we've learned, I regret to say, that we should suspect all officially recorded birth times before WWII. Mother's memory, it turns out, might be best.

I wanted to conclude with a note about my condition, which is surprisingly good, but this has gone on long enough. Next week, if I am not distracted, the Prime Minister of Singapore, a man who is one in four, and a better note about me. Meanwhile, note the many long voids and plan accordingly.



One of these men is contemplative and wistful of his recent success. The other is ill and broken.